

# The Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan is Coming!

## Why did I received this brochure?

You received this brochure because you are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and there is an upcoming change in how you receive your prescription drugs. If this information seems confusing, please check out the resources listed to find additional help.

## What information do I need to know?

- Your prescription drug coverage under Medicaid (your Forward card) is ending December 31, 2005.
- On January 1, 2006, most of your prescription drugs will be covered by your Medicare Part D prescription drug plan.
- Medicaid (your Forward card) will still cover your other health care costs and a few prescription drugs that will not be covered by Medicare.

## What does this mean?

- You will need a new Medicare Part D prescription drug plan card and you will still need your Medicare card (red, white and blue card) and Forward card.
- You will not pay a monthly premium or annual deductible as long as you choose a low cost plan.
- You will pay a co-payment of \$1.00 to \$5.00 for each covered prescription.

## What will happen next?

You should have received a letter from the federal agency that runs Medicare (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, also called CMS). This letter tells you which Medicare Prescription Drug Plan you will have beginning January 1, 2006. The drug plans cover a list of drugs and require that you use certain pharmacies. You should make sure the drug plan chosen for you includes the drugs you need and allows you to use the pharmacy you choose. You may compare plans at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and change to a different plan from November 15, 2006 to January 1, 2006. You can also change plans, even after coverage begins.

## What if I pay a MAPP premium?

The type of Medicaid you receive is called the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP). Some people on MAPP pay a premium. People who currently pay the premium should continue the payment.

## What if I have prescription drug coverage from a former or current employer or union?

Your employer or union should send you information about how your current coverage compares to the Medicare drug coverage by November 15, 2005. If they determine that the coverage is at least as good as Medicare Part D, (called creditable prescription drug coverage), you may keep it as long as it is offered by your employer or union.

**If you need help understanding what to do, here are some people to call.**

## Wisconsin Information

If you are under age 60:

### **Disability Drug Benefit Helpline**

Wisconsin Coalition for Advocacy  
1-800-926-4862

(Monday through Friday)

[www.w-c-a.org/pages/partd.html](http://www.w-c-a.org/pages/partd.html)

If you are age 60 or older:

### **Prescription Drug Helpline**

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups  
1-866-456-8211

(Monday through Friday)

[www.WisMedRx.org](http://www.WisMedRx.org)

If you are a Wisconsin resident and are **deaf or hard of hearing**:

TTY 1-888-701-1255 (press 1)

Video Phone (VP) 608-266-1000

Relay Service: dial 711-give TTY#

(Monday through Friday)

e-mail questions:

[cucinjm@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:cucinjm@dhfs.state.wi.us)

## Federal Information

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